

Service Date: February 28, 1992

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
of US West Communications for)	
Approval of an Alternative Form)	DOCKET NO. 90.6.37
of Regulation.)	ORDER NO. 5609

FINAL ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

On June 13, 1990 U.S. West Communications (USWC) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) requesting approval of an alternative type of regulation, including a network modernization proposal. USWC designated its proposal the "Montana Network Improvement and Rate Stability Plan."

On July 18, 1990 the first Proposed Procedural Order in this Docket was issued by the Commission. A Prehearing conference was held on August 2, 1990. On August 10, 1990 the Commission issued a Second Proposed Procedural Order (RE: Legal Issues Only); as well as a Proposed Procedural Order in a related Notice of Inquiry proceeding (Docket No. 90.8.46). A final Procedural Order in this Docket (RE: Legal Issues Only) was issued on August 21, 1990.

Legal Briefs were filed in this Docket pursuant to the Procedural Order by USWC, Montana Consumer Counsel, MCI, TECOMand

the Montana Department of Administration, Information Services Division.

The Commission staff attorney assigned to this Docket addressed a letter to USWC staff counsel dated December 11, 1990 discussing the legal issues and problems involved.

On December 14, 1990 USWC submitted a new filing with the Commission containing extensive revisions, additions and updates to the original filing in this Docket (June, 1990). The new filing is assigned Docket No. 90.12.86. USWC's cover letter dated December 14, 1990 stated that "USWC believes that it would be appropriate for the Commission to now dismiss its Docket No. 90.6.37"

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

This Docket is hereby closed without further action by the Commission. The relevant issues in this Docket are now being considered in Docket No. 90.12.86.

The Commission expresses its sincere appreciation to the parties filing comments in this case.

Done and Dated this 24th day of February, 1992 by a vote of 5 - 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Chairman

DANNY OBERG, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See ARM 38.2.4806.